States/UT/Region	Energy (MKWH)	PFAK (MW)
Arunachal Pradesh	283	86
Assam	5889	1187
Manipur	596	163
Meghalaya	597	119
Mizoram	260	98
Nagaland	248	64
Tripura	611	150
TOTAL NER	8483	1867
&N Islands	229	63
Lakshadweep	23	5
TOTAL ALL INDIA	517005	91191

structural reforms programme for power sector

2021. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a three-year structural reforms programme for the power sector;

(b) if so, the broad-features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. However, an Action Plan was adopted in the last Power Ministers' Conference held in January, 1993 to significantly improve the physical & financial performance of the State Electricity Boards.

(b) and (c) A copy of the Action Plan is at Statement (*See* below). The Central Government is monitoring the implementation of this Action Plan.

Statement

Details of the Progress of Implementation of the Decisions taken in hte Conference of Power Ministers.

1. *Improvement of PLF of SEBs*: For improving the PLF of SEBs, the following action plan was adopted:—

(a) SEBs with PLF below 40 per cent-to improved by a minimum of 3 per cent per annum during the VIII Plan;

(b) SEBs with PLF between 40 per cent and 60 per cent to be improved by a minimum of 2 per cent per annum;

(c) SEBs with PLF above 60 per cent to be improved by a minimum of 1 per cent per annum.

The India PLF was 61 per cent in 1993-94 against a target of 57 per cent.

2. *Reduction in T&D Losses*: Concerted efforts on the part of the SEBs have brought down T&D losses for the year 1992-93 to 21.8 per cent as compared to 22.83 per cent in 1991-92 reducing the losses by 1.03 per cent.

3. *Tariff Rationalisation*: The following SEBs have revised their tariffs during 1992-93 and 1993-94:—

"Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

The following States and Union Territories have implemented the minimum agricultural tariff of 50 paise per kwh for metered supply:—

Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam Meghalaya, Goa, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Delhi and Dadra and Nagar haveli.

4. *Settlement of Outstanding Dues of SEBs*: The SEBs have been advised to clear the outstanding dues of Central Sector generating Corporations. SEBs have been advised to open LCs to the extent of 105 per cent of their average monthly billing both in respect of supply of power and transmission charges. MOUs have been signed with most of the SEBs with respect to supply of power/transmission charges by the NTPC/Powergrid with he provision for disconnecting electricity supply to the State on non-payment of dues. In order to ensure that disputed bills are settled expeditiously, Regional Umpires have since been appointed in two Regions. Further, recovery from Central Plan Assistance to the States concerned has also been resorted to.

5. *Expenditions Utilisation of Available External Assistance*: There has been a step up in the utilisation of external assistance in view of the emphasis placed by the Ministry of Power on speedy execution of projects receiving external assistance.

6. *Promoting Private Sector Participation in Power Generation and Distribution*: In order to encourage private sector participation in power generation and distribution the Government have evolved a package of incentives and guidelines for private power development. The government is constantly inter-acting with prospective entrepreneurs, Chambers of commerce, Trade Associations, State governments and SEBs in this regard. Around 1349 MW of new capacity is currently under construction in the private sector and a new Licensee company has started functioning. Further around expressions of interest, out of which 35 are from Companies based abroad, for putting up a generating capacity of 32662 MW valued at Rs. 1,04,152 crores and for setting up two distribution companies have been received.

Refusal by railways to sign tripartite agreement

2022. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several foreign investment proposals in the power sector are pending as the Railways have refused to sign the tripartite agreement for transporation of coal to the proposed power plants;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have rejected the punitive clause and have refused to accord priority status to these power plants as incorporated in the agreement;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether the agreements reached between the Power Ministry and other foreign investors have been stopped; and

(d) if so, whether any alternative is being considered together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.